

LGBT+ History Month

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Lindsay Cooper
1951-2013

Bassoon and oboe player, composer
for TV and film

Lindsay Cooper was an English
bassoon and oboe player and
composer. A composer is someone
who writes music to help film and TV
tell their stories.

Right up to the end of her life, Cooper
remained a highly respected and
influential figure in the musical world.
She made great contributions to
avant-garde and progressive rocket
music. She began playing the bassoon
at a young age and went on to study
at the Royal Academy of Music.

She was best known for her band
Henry Cow as well as collaborated
with a number of musicians and co-
founded the Feminist Improvising
Group.

She wrote scores for film and TV and a
song cycle Oh Moscow which was
performed live around the world in
1987.

She also recorded a number of solo
albums, including Rags (1980), The
Gold Diggers (1983), and Music For
Other Occasions (1986).

Cooper was diagnosed with multiple
sclerosis in the late 1970s, but did not
disclose it to the musical community
until the late 1990s when her illness
prevented her from performing live.

In September 2013, Cooper died from
the illness at the age of 62.

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An inspiring
figure to young
composers
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